

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 608

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor the Mt. Juliet/West Wilson County
Chamber of Commerce on its 25th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those organizations that, through the extraordinary efforts of their members, have improved the quality of life for Tennesseans and contributed enormously to economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Juliet/West Wilson County Chamber of Commerce was chartered in 1978, six years after the incorporation of Mt. Juliet, for the betterment of the people of West Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber's mission is to work together to make Mt. Juliet and West Wilson County a great place to work, live, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980s, the Chamber was operated out of Mary Lou Rice Frazer's car; in 1987, an office was opened and Betty Stephens was hired as Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Juliet/West Wilson County Chamber of Commerce carries on the traditions of local businessmen Charles Moss and "Pop" Smartt, who worked to make the

community a viable, thriving place to live and work long before the city of Mt. Juliet was incorporated; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the Chamber's charter, there were only a couple of places to eat and shop in the community; needless to say, Mt. Juliet and the surrounding areas have grown, and there are now many places to eat, shop, and do business; and

WHEREAS, many people have chosen to call Mt. Juliet and West Wilson County home, and the Chamber of Commerce has been greatly responsible for these choices; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members and staff of the Mt. Juliet/West Wilson County Chamber of Commerce for their twenty-five years of demonstrated dedication to the communities of Mt. Juliet and West Wilson County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate the staff and members of the Mt. Juliet/West Wilson County Chamber of Commerce for their twenty-five years of worthy and far-reaching contributions to Mt. Juliet and West Wilson County, extending our most heartfelt wishes for the continued success of the Mt. Juliet/West Wilson County Chamber of Commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.